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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on 3/17/2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following matter(s):

Newly amended claims 1, 4-5, 7-9, 11 and 24 recite a multi-layer SOI substrate that involves a first insulating layer, a buried insulating film, and a first and a second semiconductor layers. Although it may be readable on the non-elected Species 3 and/or 4, such a multi-layer SOI substrate is unreadable on Species 1 of Figs. 1a and 1b and/or Species 2 of Figs. 3-d, elected by applicant in the election filed on 2/28/2002.

Applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally elected invention. And, by presenting claims only drawn to a non-elected invention, the amendment filed on 3/17/2005 is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03).

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shouxiang Hu whose telephone number is 571-272-

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1654. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday, 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eddie C. Lee can be reached on 571-272-1732. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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